

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-25. Canceled.

26. (Currently Amended) A track for a toy vehicle, comprising:

a base;

a guide groove formed in the base, the guide groove being configured to receive a guide follower of a toy vehicle, wherein the guide groove includes at least one fork with first and second branches such that a toy vehicle guided by the guide groove could follow two different paths;

a switch arm that is pivotally mounted on the base at the fork in the guide groove, wherein the switch arm is moveable between a first position at which it will guide a toy vehicle along the first branch of the fork and a second position at which it will guide a toy vehicle along the second branch of the fork, wherein the switch arm includes:

an elongated base with a pivot hole at a first end, and a cam profile on a second opposite end that can slidingly engage a retractable switch member of a toy vehicle traveling along the guide groove to cause the switch arm to move from the first position to the second position; and

a guide surface that protrudes upward from the base, wherein the guide surface extends from a position adjacent the pivot hole along less than the total length of the base; and

a biasing member mounted on the base that biases the switch arm into the first position.

27. (Previously Presented) The track of claim 26, wherein the switch arm includes a lever arm that extends from a side of the switch arm, and wherein the biasing member comprises a spring having a first end attached to the lever arm and a second end attached to the base.

28. Canceled.

29. (Currently Amended) The track of claim [[28]] 26, wherein the switch arm is mounted on the base under the fork in the guide groove such that when a toy vehicle passes along the guide groove, a bottom surface of a guide follower of the toy vehicle will pass over the base.

30. (Previously Presented) The track of claim 29, wherein when the switch arm is located in the first position, the guide surface of the switch arm bridges an apex of the fork in the guide groove with a first sidewall of an upstream portion of the guide groove such that the guide surface will guide a guide follower of a toy vehicle traveling along the guide groove along the first branch of the fork in the guide groove.

31. (Previously Presented) The track of claim 30, wherein when the switch arm is located in the second position, the guide surface of the switch arm bridges the apex of the fork

with a second sidewall of an upstream portion of the guide groove such that the guide surface will guide a guide follower of a toy vehicle traveling along the guide groove along the second branch of the fork in the guide groove.

32. (Currently Amended) The track of claim [[28]] 26, wherein the switch arm is mounted on the track such that a toy vehicle traveling along the guide groove will pass the cam profile of the switch arm before passing a leading edge of the guide surface.

33. (Currently Amended) The track of claim [[28]] 26, further comprising first and second electrical conductors located on a top surface of base and on first and second sides, respectively, of the guide groove, wherein the first and second electrical conductors are configured to supply electricity to brushes of a toy vehicle traveling along the guide groove.

34. (Previously Presented) The track of claim 33, wherein the switch arm further comprises:

 a first bridging electrical conductor extending along a first side of the guide surface of the switch arm; and

 a second bridging electrical conductor extending along a second side of the guide surface of the switch arm, wherein the first and second bridging electrical connectors are configured to supply electricity to brushes on a guide follower of a toy vehicle moving along the guide groove.

35. (Previously Presented) The track of claim 34, wherein the first electrical conductor is movably mounted on the switch arm, and wherein the first electrical conductor is biased into a position at which it that extends away from the first side of the guide surface of the switch arm.

36. (Previously Presented) The track of claim 33, further comprising a transmitter that transmits a digital control signal through the first and second electrical conductors.

37. (Previously Presented) The track of claim 36, wherein the transmitter sends a digital control signal that includes a vehicle identification code.

38. (Previously Presented) The track of claim 36, wherein the transmitter sends a digital control signal that includes a speed control command.

39. (Previously Presented) The track of claim 36, wherein the transmitter sends a digital control signal that include a switching command.

40-50. Canceled.